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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Method and System for Upstream Priority Lookup at Physical Interface**  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$1,120.00 to cover: \$790.00 RCE fee and \$330.00 additional one (1) month extension of time fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
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5. A return postcard.

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